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Ever Wondered What a Kiwi is?

Introduction

Kiwis are native bird to New Zealand. They are found in the wild and in many different facilities. The Kiwi’s scientific name is Apteryx. Kiwis are part of the omnivore family.

Habitat

Kiwis live in many different types of places. They live in many forests around New Zealand. Kiwis live safely when predators are controlled. Some predators steal the Kiwi’s eggs and eat them. The kiwi usually comes out during the night to look for food. Kiwis live in burrows just like worms however they come out of their burrows often and worms try to never come out of them.

Appearance

Kiwis are flightless birds because they don’t have big wings. They have a log curved beak and two short legs with three sharp claws on each leg. They also have two small eyes and their ears are tucked into their body. There are many different types of kiwis such as the Brown Kiwi, Great Spotted Kiwi and the Little Spotted Kiwi. Kiwis are covered in feathers. They are the only bird on earth with nostrils at the end of their beak which makes them very unique.

Diet

Kiwis have a large diet. These birds have a gizzard, which grinds all of their food to make it easier to eat. Kiwis eat a large selection of food, including worms, wetas, crickets, cicadas, berries, seeds, leaves, fungi, frogs. They even eat Totara leaves. They can catch fresh water crayfish, eels and tuna from ponds. They get most of their water from their foods.

Conclusion

Kiwis are very special to New Zealand. We need to protect them because they are endangered because their eggs are getting eaten. They are interesting because they eat a wide variety of foods.